

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Riverside City Council Meeting

Held on

Thursday, May 5, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Williams called the Riverside, Ohio City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Riverside Administrative Offices located at 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100, Riverside, Ohio, 45431.

**ROLL CALL:** Council attendance was as follows: Mr. Denning, present; Mrs. Franklin, present; Ms. Fry, present; Mr. Joseph, present; Ms. Lommatzsch, present; Mr. Maxfield, present; and Mayor Williams, present.

Staff present was as follows: Josh Rauch, City Manager; Tom Garrett, Finance Director; Kathy Bartlett, Public Service Director; and Katie Lewallen, Clerk of Council.

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:** No members were absent.

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:** Agenda had been amended prior to the meeting removing the Executive Session and adding a resolution for advancing funds, Resolution No. 22-R-2770.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ms. Lommatzsch moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the amended agenda. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

**PROCLAMATION – Denise “DeDe” Moran:** Mayor Williams presented a proclamation recognizing Mrs. Moran for her lifetime of service to the community as a resident of both Mad River Township and the City of Riverside and stalwart employee at the local Kroger store. She has served the community as a member of the St. Helen Paris, as a school volunteer, a booster member, and in leadership with the St. Helen Festival.

**BZA APPOINTMENT** – Mr. Rauch stated there were two applicants for the board of zoning appeals open seat, Mr. Tim Cron and Mrs. Pat Matheney. Mrs. Matheney came to the podium and provide a brief bio. She stated she wanted to see the city grow and for the city to be nice. She added that people should put in for permits on things they want to do and follow the permit guidelines. Mr. Cron provided a brief bio. He stated he attended a BZA meeting that was quite interesting and was able to hear the sides of the stories presented. Deputy Mayor Denning asked if he had the time to dedicate to the BZA. He stated he did.

On a call of the roll, six members of council named Mr. Cron for the appointment; one member named Mrs. Matheney. Mrs. Franklin moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to appoint Mr. Tim Cron to the BZA. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**MINUTES:** Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2022 council meeting. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**WRITTEN CITIZEN PETITIONS:** Mayor Williams stated any citizen wishing to speak should fill out a petition found at the back of the room and turn it in to the clerk.

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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

**A) Finance Department** – Mr. Garrett stated the income tax was a little shy of where they hoped it would be for April. A total of \$2.36 million of income tax so far for the year, which puts them about \$460,000 short of where they hoped to be at this point. A refund was received on Monday from the Bureau of Worker's Compensation recognizing the city for its participation in various risk reduction efforts; they gave a rebate against the premium they paid last year. They received the property tax settlement from the county in mid-April, so they are back on their normal schedule. This brought in \$540,000 net; they had been giving advances in February and March from the January tax bills. They are now in a position to pay the TIF money on to Brantwood, which will happen next week. There is also the ESID project where they are collecting money for the renovations of the Claypool building and forwarding on to their agent. It comes in on the city tax bill, but then it is given out. Those two amounts are excluded from the \$540,000. On Monday, the new finance administrator will join them to get acclimated to how things are done in the city.

Deputy Mayor Denning asked if CCA has been living up to the city's expectations. He stated he had an issue with trying to file with them and it is not as user friendly as RITA was. He doesn't know if it was worthwhile to switch. Mr. Garrett replied there are difference between CCA and RITA. With the pandemic happening, it disrupted operations with CCA. He stated that CCA is more careful with following the rules while RITA may be more casual. RITA is bigger with better technology and the efile is more flexible than with CCA, but he feels CCA is working hard on their behalf. Mr. Joseph asked what the cost disparity is between the two. Mr. Garrett stated he would have to review that, but RITA because they are bigger can spread the cost may be a little cheaper. Mr. Joseph stated they may want to hear this at a work session further down the road. Mr. Rauch stated they can run the numbers. Discussion continued about the cost and expenses to the city. He stated he has heard people have good experience with the one-on-one with CCA. They will look at it. Mrs. Lommatzsch stated she has had issues with CCA. Deputy Mayor Denning stated they may wish to keep an eye on this and make sure the city can do the best job for its citizens.

**B) Administration Department** – Mr. Rauch stated the finance administrator will start on Monday and there will be a lot on her plate. She will be at the meeting on May 19 to be introduced to council. There will be a work session on May 12, and he may have enough to do on May 26 as well as there is a lot in motion, so they may need a second work session this month. A kick-off meeting will be held with the new software company, SSI, within the next two weeks. That will be one of the finance administrator's big responsibilities.

**C) Community Development Department**– Mr. Rauch stated that it has been cool and rainy, and the grass is growing. The city has one code enforcement officers for the city and grass will be a priority. He just wanted to provide a friendly reminder to residents to keep grass below 8". He added that some properties are bank owned and maintenance is not what it should be. They do their best to stay on top of them and get to it quickly.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** No one wished to speak.

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## OLD BUSINESS

### A. ORDINANCES

- I) **Ordinance No. 22-O-793 – An ordinance providing for the adoption of post-issuance compliance policies and procedures for tax exempt obligations and continuing disclosure obligations. (2<sup>nd</sup> reading, public hearing, adoption)**

Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Joseph, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 22-O-793. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing at 6:28 pm. No one wished to speak. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing at 6:28 pm.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Lommatzsch, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. ORDINANCES

- I) **Ordinance No. 22-O-794 – An ordinance by the council of the City of Riverside, Ohio approving a change in the water protection overlay district boundaries as shown on the zoning map of the City of Riverside, Ohio for the Source Water Protection Area within the City of Riverside. (1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-O-794. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mr. Joseph asked what the water resource area is. Mr. Rauch stated it is the area they pull drinking water from. He added that much of the city is in the water source area.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

- II) **Ordinance No. 22-O-795 - An ordinance establishing Chapter 1119 Planned Unit Development Districts in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the City of Riverside. (1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-O-795. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Joseph, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**



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## B. RESOLUTIONS

- I) Resolution No. 22-R-2766 – A resolution authorizing the city manager of the City of Riverside to sign documents related to this year's Paint Striping Project.**

Mr. Rauch stated this is routine for paint striping they try to do every couple of years. Typically, they use permissive tax to pay for this. This resolution along with the last resolution 22-R-2770 is to fund the bulk of this. Both are required to authorize funds for permissive tax. Ms. Bartlett stated they will be doing every street this year and it should last two years. They do Harshman every year. Deputy Mayor Denning asked if there is a better paint product that lasts longer. Ms. Bartlett stated on the new pavement they put down they put thermo on it and it lasts five years.

Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve Resolution No. 22-R-2766. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

- II) Resolution No. 22-R-2767 – A resolution amending 22-R-2754 to increase the 2022 Paving Program bid not to exceed amount contract with Fillmore Construction, LLC.**

Mr. Rauch stated this resolution is the change order to include the curbs on Eastman Avenue.

Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve Resolution No. 22-R-2767. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

- III) Resolution No. 22-R-2768 – A resolution by the council of the City of Riverside, Ohio approving participation in Region 8 governance structure under the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding.**

Mr. Rauch stated it is their willingness to participate in the regional opioid settlement administered by the State of Ohio; it allows them to submit grants through Region 8 for some of that funding.

Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve Resolution No. 22-R-2768. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

- IV) Resolution No. 22-R-2769 – A resolution to repeal and replace Resolution No. 22-R-2764 authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of in-car and body worn cameras for use by the police department.**

Mr. Rauch stated this repeals and replaces a previous resolution for in car and body cameras due to a clerical error. There is enough money in the budget to cover this.

Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Denning, to approve Resolution No. 22-R-2769. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

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## V) Resolution No. 22-R-2770 – A resolution by the council of the City of Riverside, Ohio advancing \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Permissive Tax Fund.

Mr. Rauch stated this is the accounting end as permissive tax rolls in monthly; this allows them to take funds from the General Fund to pay for the paint striping and as funds come in monthly from permissive tax they will put it back into the General Fund.

Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve Resolution No. 22-R-2770. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** No one wished to comment.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:** Mrs. Franklin wished everyone a happy Mother's Day and to enjoy the weekend because it looks like it will be nice.

Mr. Joseph stated that May is Mental Health Awareness Month and how it does not seem to get discussed enough. He stated he has ADHD and growing up he had a hard time paying attention in school. It wasn't until the pandemic that he realized he needed help. He got an appointment with a doctor, and it was a challenge to get in. He got treated and a couple of months later he got on medication. Since then, he has graduated college, gave a commencement speech at his university, got a new job, was elected to council, and lost 40 pounds. ADHD is an impactful illness, but nothing like schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, or PTSD. It is hard to get help. They need be okay talking about it. He stated he takes ADHD medicine twice a day; mental health is an important thing to manage day-to-day. He stated if people have a family member who needs help they should get them there. He added if it goes on too long, then they will be where he will be tomorrow at a grave side of someone who had an illness that went too long untreated.

Mayor Williams thanks Mr. Joseph for bringing that to the forefront. He thanked council for allowing him to recognize Mrs. Dede Moran. He thanked Ms. Lewallen, Clerk of Council, for her work and recognized National Municipal Clerk's Week. He gave a shout out to the new Burkhardt Library that opened last week. Everyone was impressed by the facility and staff. Many residents get use of a lot of resources from the Dayton Metro Library.

Ms. Lommatzsch stated she was at the MVRPC meeting this morning and brought with her maps of the new and improved bike paths. She stated the clerk has a lot of skill, knowledge, and patience with council. She thanked the clerk for her work. She commented that her family has been impacted by ADHD and PTSD as she lost her best friend to PTSD and they lost a talented woman this week. She was with her brother two weeks before he killed himself. She thought he was better; he was her best friend for 49 years. It is real; everyone has something in their lives that needs help. None of us are above that; don't ignore people you see with signs. She stated a long time ago the Air Force didn't recognize PTSD. We all have problems. She added that Mrs. Dede Moran will be missed at Kroger. She was always upfront helping customers.

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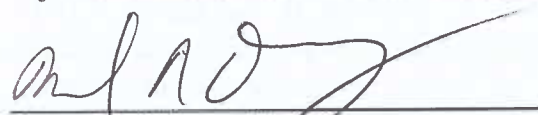
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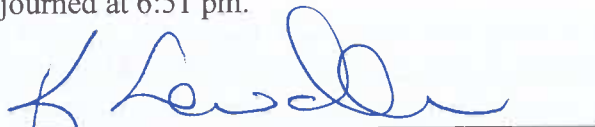
Ms. Fry stated she was at First Suburbs last week and asked ADAMHS to come give a presentation on the 9-8-8 system. It is a companion to 9-1-1 specific for mental health emergencies. It is national legislation; right now, it goes to national suicide hotline, but in July, they will roll out that number and it will be active. She stated Montgomery County is working hard on getting a companion service to go with that number. Whenever there is a mental health emergency when someone is having a mental health crisis that goes to a local agency and they will bring out trained medical responders to the situation, which is a big deal because they want medical care in that situation. She stated she reached out to the city manager and good coordination is happening. It will be a benefit to the local community. She is excited that Montgomery County is at the forefront of making implementation successful. She added the service is available now. It is not connected to 9-8-8, but a person can contact the Crisis Now Hotline; it is a terrible number to remember, so may need to look it up on ADAMHS.

Deputy Mayor Denning wished his wife a happy birthday as it isn't often one can do that in a public meeting. He stated that everyone has a mother and sometimes they don't know how long they will be around. Sometimes they are physically here, but slowly slipping away as they lose their memory. It is difficult for them and for their caretakers. He stated people should be grateful for their mothers if they still have them. It also ties to mental health because dementia is a mental health issue and is real. The sooner you get them to a doctor the sooner they can get on medicine to help slow it down. They did not have a good doctor for his mother and the medication came later. It could have been better if they got this a lot sooner. He added that the Lion's Club Flower Sale is in front of Stebbins today, tomorrow, and Saturday. Flowerama will also be open on Sunday.

Mr. Maxfield stated that his wife turns 40 on Monday and wished her a happy 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Ms. Lommatzsch, to adjourn. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

  
Peter J. Williams, Mayor  
Mike Denning, Deputy Mayor

  
Clerk of Council